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For: CIRCULAR CONDUIT OPENING CLOSURE DEVICE

**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY
STATUS (37 CFR 1.9(f) and 1.27(b))--INDEPENDENT INVENTOR**

As the below named inventors, we hereby declare that we qualify as an independent inventors as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under Section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled **CIRCULAR CONDUIT OPENING CLOSURE DEVICE** described in the specification filed herewith.

We have not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed and are under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license, any rights in the invention to any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e)

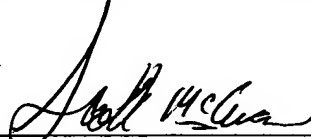
Each person, concern or organization to which we have assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed or are under an obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey, or license any rights in the invention is listed below:

No such person.

We acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28(b)).

We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

Dated: 8-12-03



Scott McCuan

Dated: 8-12-03



Kent Sloan

POWER OF ATTORNEY

As the named inventors, we hereby appoint the following attorney to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office and as agent or common representative to act on behalf of the applicant before the competent International authorities.

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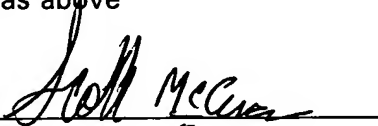
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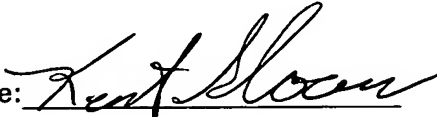
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Second Inventor's signature:



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COMBINATION DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As the below named inventors, we hereby declare that this declaration is an original.

INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION

Our residences, post office addresses and citizenships are as stated below next to our names, we believe we are the original, first and sole inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: **CIRCULAR CONDUIT OPENING CLOSURE DEVICE**

SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION

The specification is attached hereto.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

PRIORITY CLAIM

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by us on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed.

No such applications have been filed.

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